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SUBJECT: SUDANESE MEDIA REACTION REPORTING

LAST WEEK SUDANESE PRESS REPORTING AND COMMENTARIES COVERED PORTIONS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S RECENT NEWS CONFERENCE WHICH DEALT WITH M.E. AND THE JOINT U.S.-SOVIET STATEMENT.

CARTER'S NEWS CONFERENCE

AL-SAHAFI OCTOBER 1 HIGHLIGHTED CARTER'S NEWS CONFERENCE ON ITS FOREIGN NEWS PAGE. AN ARTICLE IN SAME ISSUE SAID GENEVA STILL FAR AWAY. SAHAFI ADDED, "THE PROBLEM IS CONNECTED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION. SO, ANY CALL FOR RESUMING THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE SUPPORTED AND LED BY THE TWO MAJOR POWERS."

AL-AYAM OCTOBER 2 CARRIED 95 PERCENT OF THE POST-PROVIDED TEXT OF CARTER'S NEWS CONFERENCE PORTIONS DEALING WITH THE MIDDLE EAST. AL-AYAM ALSO COMMENTED, "IT IS REALLY PAINFUL THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS STRESSED PLO RECOGNITION OF THE ISRAELI EXISTENCE. CLEARLY, THE U.S. AND ISRAEL ARE DEMANDING PLO RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL WITHOUT ANY GUARANTEE FROM THE U.S. THAT PLO WILL BE ACCEPTED AT GENEVA CONFERENCE."

U.S. - SOVIET STATEMENT

AL-AYAM'S EDITORIAL OCTOBER 3 ENTITLED: "THE REJECTION TRAP" COMMENTED ON ISRAELI REJECTION OF THE U.S.-SOVIET STATEMENT

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SAYING, "ARABS WERE ABLE TO BRING ISRAEL TO THE 'REJECTION TRAP', AND MAKE IT FACE THE WORLD, INCLUDING THE U.S., ALONE. HOWEVER, THE IMPORTANT THING IS THE RELEASE OF THE STATEMENT ITSELF, AFTER LONG DIFFICULT DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOVIET UNION; FOR IT BECOMES THE SEMI-FINAL STATEMENT ON THE DRAMATIC SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

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